



# Brownfields 2007 Grant Fact Sheet

## Geneva, NY

### EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

### Community Description

The City of Geneva was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. Located in the central Finger Lakes region of New York, the City of Geneva (population 13,617) is the most populous community in Ontario County. Geneva and the downtown target area have vacancy rates between 9.4 and 14.6 percent, respectively, compared to the county's vacancy rate of five percent. The unemployment rate in the target area is 9.2 percent, and nearly 34 percent of its residents have incomes below the poverty level. To help spur revitalization of the downtown target area, the city will clean up petroleum-contaminated soil and groundwater at a former service station. Cleanup and redevelopment of the target site, which is located next to a historic opera house, will bring new energy to the



### Cleanup Grant

New  
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#### \$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Geneva for a brownfields cleanup grant. Petroleum grant funds will be used to clean up an abandoned service station located at 305 Main Street. Site soil and groundwater are contaminated by petroleum hydrocarbons from the site's former use as a gas station and automotive repair facility. Grant funds also will be used to install a groundwater monitoring well to measure the effectiveness of the soil cleanup.

### Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: [www.epa.gov/brownfields](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields).

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surrounding business district, beautify the city, and complement events at the opera house. The city also anticipates that cleanup and redevelopment of the former service station will enhance surrounding property values and increase tax revenues.